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Stormy Weather in Washington

The weather on the New Frontier resembles the dust storms kicked up during "the first hundred days" of the New Deal. The man in the street, always skeptical of too much "intellectualism" in high places, is getting a bit apprehensive, not only skeptical of the liberals in a hurry now jockeying for position in the race to influence the eager young man in the White House.

Of all executive agencies, the "department of utter confusion" seems to have been the only one to function efficiently in the administration's approach to the Cuban problem. That inference must be drawn from SENATOR FULBRIGHT's words to the press, after a Senate probe of the invasion fiasco.

"The operation as a whole was a mistake," he said, for which the White House, the Defense Department, the CIA and the

State Department "share a collective responsibility."

Coming from a dedicated Democrat, this unqualified rebuke may help to convince the men at the top that "for anything worth doing, intelligence is a very minor gift" to quote a British mathematician, G. H. HARDY.

The headlong blunder — now established beyond a doubt — will naturally arouse apprehension of similar impatience in the administration's implementation of domestic as well as foreign policy: cures for other problems — farm surpluses, unemployment and "integration".

There is a vast gap between the brave words of Mr. KENNEDY's inaugural address, and his administration's capacity for the clear-sighted judgment and prudence required to solve the deluge of problems that confront him — many of them inherited from his predecessor.